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Career Explorers



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Keokuk High School's Carson Kirchner works on an electric welding simulator Tuesday morning at the Lee County Career Advantage Center as part of high school career expo put on by the Lee County Economic Development Group in Montrose.

LCEDG: Career Advantage Center hosts area students and employers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – A career exploration fair that attracted high school students from all over Lee County opened the eyes of students and vendors alike to the opportunities in the room.

Employers, including Lee County's EMS and Sheriff's departments, to industries such as Mohrfeld Electric, Siemens, Huffmans, and DuPont, met with students from Central Lee, Keokuk, Fort Madison, and Holy Trinity Catholic schools at the Lee County Economic Development Group's Career Advantage Center to explore careers on Tuesday

afternoon.

The career fair took place just days after Friday's Southeast Iowa Builders expo for area 7th graders at Southeastern Community College.

Area manufacturers and industrial employers are looking more and more to the high schools as a resource for future employees and the CAC is geared toward helping mobilize those efforts.

LCEDG President Dennis Fraise said that's a big part of the value of the center.

"We put this together on fairly short notice and you can

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CITY NEWS

FM Tourism group to celebrate National Tourism Week

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FORT MADISON TOURISM DIRECTOR

FORT MADISON — National Travel and Tourism Week, (NTTW) the annual celebration of the contributions of the U.S. travel industry, will spotlight the essential role that

travel will play in driving economic growth and innovation through the theme #TravelForward.

Established in 1983, NTTW is an annual tradition to mark the U.S. travel industry's role in stimulating economic growth, cultivating vi-

brant communities, creating quality job opportunities, stimulating business activity and elevating the quality of life for everyday Americans.

In 2021, visitors spent over \$6.1

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OPINION

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Try to enjoy something every day

Phil Clevenger may have gotten his grit and determination from his grandfather, Ulrie Clevenger, who was known to say and put into practice that he'd, "Walk a mile to pull a cocklebur." Phil was my friend and classmate growing up in the fifties and sixties in Monroe, Iowa. Phil was a farm boy, but with what you might say, urban leanings. He was smart, athletic, and had an infectious smile.

We baled hay all summer long. There was a neighborly group of four farmers that helped each other out. So it was a constant rotation of mowing, crimping, raking, baling and stacking hay in hot, chaff-filled barns. When we weren't haying, it was walking beans, moving cattle from one pasture to another, roguing corn, painting barns, you name it. Looking back, it was an idyllic life. We worked hard, sweat, and the sun rose and set. From the seat of a Super M Farmall tractor, Phil said, "Do you realize summer is almost gone? School is only six weeks away." Reality cometh.

Phil played football, basketball and ran track. I was a lineman, he was a running back. Phil could squirt through a small gap between the guard and tackle like a lynx.

He also knocked down good grades. So when it came time for college, Phil was off to the University of Iowa for a degree in finance. But banking and auditing wasn't his cup of well water. Two events happened that changed Phil's course of direction. He was married and his daughter, Mia, had a "green stick" break in her arm. He

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WED 10 May.....Mostly sunny and warm, 77° F/ 57° F
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 FRI 12 May.....Warm with chance of storms & showers, 83° F/ 65° F

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

05/05/23 - 8:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue J.

05/06/23 - 3:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

05/06/23 - 9:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kaiden Lee Nimrick, 18, no hometown listed, in the 2400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

05/07/23 - 2:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue E.

05/07/23 - 5:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Justin Robert Bowden, 41, no hometown listed, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.

05/07/23 - 10:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested William Paul Cochenour II, 30, no hometown listed, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue L, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

05/05/23 - 10:58 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Connen Craig Hahnbaum, 34, listed as homeless living in Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Jail, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

05/05/23 - 11:16 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jenny Lynne Leis Rook, 36, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's department, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after weekend service.

05/05/23 - 12:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 2 East and Bluff Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Hunter Dean Shriver, 22, of Bonaparte, was traveling westbound on Hwy. 2 near Bluff Road, when the driver tried to avoid a collision with another vehicle turning onto Bluff Road, entered the shoulder, slid sideways into a ditch, rolled over, and struck a utility pole, causing the lines to crash onto the vehicle. Shriver was transported by Lee County EMS to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center for non-

life threatening injuries. Shriver was cited for failure to maintain control. Shriver's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

05/05/23 - 12:27 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 2 East and Bluff Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by John David Hill, 64, of Wever, was traveling eastbound on Hwy. 2 near Bluff Road when it struck a low-hanging electrical line from a previous accident. No injuries or citations were reported. Hill's vehicle sustained minor damages, but was driven from the scene.

05/05/23 - 4:13 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Trenton Lee Hauk, 26, of Kahoka, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 3rd degree theft greater than \$750 and less than \$1,500. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

05/06/23 - 4:25 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of two-vehicle accident in the 2600 block of Hwy. 27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Phineas H. Eicher, 41, of Montrose, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 27 when a bale of hay fell off his trailer and struck the passenger side of a vehicle driven by Dennis A. Hornbostel, 39, of Illinois. No injuries were reported. Eicher was cited for spilling load on highway. Hornbostel's vehicle sustained minor damages. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

05/07/23 - 3:33 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Raul Puente Garcia, 73, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

April 1, 2023 - Bouchard, Erika J (37 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant

April 2, 2023 - Buckert, Michael C (71 of Hamilton, IL) DUI, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage, Violation of Concealed Carry Laws

April 2, 2023 - Johnson, Colton J (15 of Hamilton, IL) No Valid Driver's License

April 2, 2023 - Carlton, Blaine R (17 of Hamilton, IL) Possession of Cannabis

April 2, 2023 - Young, Natasha A (35 of Fort Madison, IA) Driving While License Suspended, Fleeing/Eluding A Peace Officer

April 3, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 4, 2023 - Woolsey, Michael T (58 of Hamilton, IL) Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest

April 5, 2023 - Laws, David A (41 of Kahoka, MO) State of Indiana Warrant

April 6, 2023 - Blair, Lance A (31 of Fort Madison, IA) Driving While License Revoked

April 6, 2023 - Putnam, Dessia P (42 of Bowen, IL) McDonough County Warrant

April 7, 2023 - Ford, Lacey C (42 of Kahoka, MO) Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession Of Controlled Substance

April 7, 2023 - Sisson, Aaron T (43 of Kahoka, MO) Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession Of Controlled Substance

April 7, 2023 - McCarty, Renny J (32 of Warsaw, IL) Aggravated Domestic Battery, Possession Of Methamphetamine

April 8, 2023 - Smith, Brooke T (37 of Keokuk, IA) Suspended Registration, Operating Uninsured

April 8, 2023 - Ikerd, Nichole L (43 of Fort Madison, IA) Driving While License Revoked, Speeding

April 9, 2023 - Coover, Mark

D (62 of Keokuk, IA) DUI

April 10, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 11, 2023 - Watkins, Jessica N (35 of West Point, IL) DUI, Speeding

April 11, 2023 - Cox, Justin E (39 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant

April 12, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 13, 2023 - McMillen, Dakota L (23 of Donnellson, IA) Driving While License Suspended, Speeding

April 13, 2023 - Moore, Karen L (57 of West Point, IL) Animals At Large

April 14, 2023 - Haynes, Corey T (43 of Bowen, IL) Disorderly Conduct

April 14, 2023 - Brown, Wyatt J (25 of Carthage, IL) Improper Use of Registration, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Operating Uninsured

April 15, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 16, 2023 - Brown, Wyatt, J (25 of Carthage, IL) Speeding, No Taillights, Operating Uninsured, No Registration

April 16, 2023 - Lillie, Jamie S (54 of Dallas City, IL) Hancock County Warrant - Unlawful Possession of Stolen Property

April 16, 2023 - Smith, Zacharia M (18 of Carthage, IL) Improper Lane usage

April 17, 2023 - Wayson, Andrew J (37 of Warsaw, IL) Aggravated Domestic Battery, No Valid Drivers' License

April 18, 2023 - Young, Matthew W (37 of Niota, IL) Hancock County Warrant

April 18, 2023 - Stephenson, Mark E (65 of Elvaston, IL) Battery

April 19, 2023 - Padilla, Samson K (35 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant

April 19, 2023 - Evans, Kristi K (45 of Niota, IL) Reckless Driving, Driving While License Suspended

April 19, 2023 - Evans, Gregory R (48 of Niota, IL) Reckless Driving, Driving While License Suspended, Disorderly Conduct

April 20, 2023 - Harden, Dylan G (22 of Macomb, IL) Operating Uninsured

April 21, 2023 - Parrish, Elizabeth J (29 of Niota, IL) Driving While License Suspended

April 21, 2023 - Hollis, Eddie D (28 of Niota, IL) Driving While License Revoked, Operating Uninsured

April 22, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 23, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 24, 2023 - Guthrie, James L (52 of Tioga, IL) Hancock County Warrant

April 25, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 26, 2023 - Young, Russel A (47 of Dallas City, IL) Operating Uninsured

April 27, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 28, 2023 - Reckemmer, Scott A (54 of Burlington, IA) Leaving the Scene of a Crash, Failure To Reduce Speed to Avoid Crash, Operating Uninsured

April 28, 2023 - Morgan, Mark A (35 of LaHarpe, IL) Driving While License Revoked

April 28, 2023 - Bundy, Brent J (39 of LaHarpe, IL) Speeding 35 MPH + Over Posted Limit

April 29, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

April 30, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LILLIE L. HICKEY

Lillie Louise Hickey, 98, of Hamilton, formerly of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.



HICKEY

Louise was born on July 17, 1924, in Hamilton, Illinois, the daughter of Robert and Hazel (Elwell) Bell, and moved to Keokuk when she was eight, graduating from Keokuk High School in 1942. She was united in marriage to Kenneth Hoyt Simpson, he preceded her death in 1963. She was later united in marriage to John Hickey, he preceded her in death in 2002.

Louise was known for her strong faith in God, and also for being fun and a tad bit ornery. She enjoyed embroidering pillowcases for all of her children and grandchildren, and relaxed by playing Bingo and Poker. Her baking and cooking were known throughout the area, especially her homemade pie crusts, egg noodles and bread. Her home was a revolving door of friends and family, especially around the holidays. She put her family first, and enjoyed babysitting her children and spending weekends at the family cabin in Alexandria, Missouri. She was a 5th generation grandmother several times over.

Louise is survived by four children: Kenneth (Barb) Simpson, David Simpson and Bryan (Sara) Simpson, all of Columbia, Missouri, and Lynn Hickey of Hamilton; her step-daughter Suzette Hickey of St. Simons Island, Georgia; two sisters: Joyce Townsend of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Janet Clingingsmith of Huntsville, Alabama; former daughter-in-law Ann Haney of Burlington, Iowa; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Louise is preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two children: Bruce Simpson and Karen Linquist, her brother Robert Bell and her son-in-law Leeland Linquist.

Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the funeral home for expenses.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com.

Printy Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

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RALPH T. COX

Ralph Troy Cox, 56, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023 with his father at his side at the Lantern Park Specialty Care facility in Coralville, Iowa.



COX

He demonstrated great strength, courage, and dignity over many years of battling a chronic illness.

Troy was born on September 5, 1966, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of James and Carole Sue (Glassford) Cox and raised in Port Byron, Illinois. He was the older brother to four siblings, LaNett, James, Christopher, and Lisa.

He was a 1985 graduate of Riverdale High School in Port Byron, Illinois and was a member of the Future Farmers of America.

Troy was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as a missionary from 1985-1987 in the San Diego California Mission.

He was employed by the Moline Forge, Rockford Drop Forge, and Nauvoo Restoration Inc.

Troy was an avid bird watcher, voracious reader, and amateur genealogist and historian. He loved to discuss U.S. History, the Civil War in particular.

He is survived by his wife Ann, sons, Bret and Jarod, his daughter Cayla, his father, Jim and siblings, LaNett, James, Christopher, and Lisa.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ruby, his son, Steven, and his mother.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral in Nauvoo.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the funeral home with Bishop Barlow and Bishop Anderson officiating. A graveside service will follow at 12:00 noon at the Nauvoo City Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to help with expenses. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Troy's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

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HAPPY Mother's Day

Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Monday, May 15 due to the Mother's Day holiday. Breaking news will continue to be published to our website and social media channels as it happens. The e-Edition will resume publication Tuesday, May 16.

Wishing you a very happy Mother's Day

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THAD L. HAY

Thad L. Hay, 64, of Fort Madison, passed away on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 3:40 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.



HAY

He was born on November 26, 1958 in Fort Madison to E.R. "Tex" and Shirley Goss Hay. On February 14, 1988 he married Lori Myers in Houston, TX. Thad worked construction his whole life and was an operator engineer for IUOE #649. He loved animals and being outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, canning, and watching sports especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. Thad was a generous and outgoing man who enjoyed helping people and being a good neighbor.

Family was most important to Thad, especially spending time with his grandson, Henry.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Hay of Ft. Madison; children, Amanda Hay of Philadelphia, PA, Julie (Jake Henriksson) of Denver, CO and Sara (Wes) Peer of Ft. Madison; grandson, Henry Peer; Siblings, Cindy (Daniel) Boon of Ft. Madison and Stefanie Williams of Iowa City, Steve (Debbie) Hay of Ft. Madison and George and Tim Peters; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a child, Megan; parents; and siblings, Terry and Doug Hay.

The family will meet with friends on Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 1-2:30 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held following the visitation at 2:30 PM. Burial will take place at a later date in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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PATRICK J. SIEGRIST

Patrick Joseph Siegrist, 57, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2023, while farming near Hamilton, Illinois.



SIEGRIST

Born on May 18, 1965, in Fort Madison, the son of Donald and Celia (Mattox) Siegrist. On August 10, 1993, in Fort Madison, he married Sally Huffman.

He is survived by his wife: Sally; daughter: Nichole (Randy) Wiseman; son: Kyle (Nikole) Francy and honorary son: Dalton Verkruyse; five brothers: Clayton Siegrist of Niota, Mike (Nancy) Siegrist of Racine, Wisconsin, Tim (Margaret) Siegrist of Pueblo, Colorado, Cory Siegrist of Sparta, Wisconsin and Ryan Siegrist of Fort Madison.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pat was a 1983 graduate of Nauvoo-Colusa High School. He served four years in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Boone. He was a mechanic and farmer. Pat was a member of the AMC Club and the NHRA. He enjoyed farming, racing and especially enjoyed vacationing with his family.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Friday, May 12, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a time to share memories at 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Sports

HOUND SOCCER

FM boys earn Southeast Conference title again

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - They hang team photos of the Southeast Conference champions on the walls at Fort Madison High School.

Another boys soccer photo will be going up.

The Bloodhounds clinched the championship on Monday with an 11-2 win over Mount Pleasant at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison, ranked 15th in Class 3A, finished conference play at 9-1, losing only to Burlington last Thursday.

It's the third consecutive conference crown for the Bloodhounds, who moved to 14-2 overall.

"It means a lot to these guys," coach Kevin Wellman said. "The seniors who are graduating, they didn't get their freshman year because of COVID. So, they're conference champs their entire career. So they can brag about that a little bit."

Fort Madison erupted for eight second-half goals to finish off the win as Wellman used different lineup combinations in preparation for the postseason.

"We changed actually quite a bit," Wellman said. "We were getting some reserve guys in, to see what they looked like. Instead of dumping a bunch of reserve guys at the end, we did a couple here, a couple there, so that we could see how they would look surrounded by the other starters."

Fort Madison led 3-0 at halftime, getting goals from Xander Wellman, Jacob Shottenkirk and Nolan Guzman.

Shottenkirk opened the second-half barrage with a goal less than four minutes into the half. Henry Graham followed with a goal three minutes later, then Leif Boeding scored with 30:41 to play.

Xander Wellman had back-to-back goals, the second coming on a penalty kick. Boeding added his second goal with 15:35 left, Graham scored again with three minutes to play, then Jacob Pothitakis ended the scoring with a goal with 28 seconds left.

Fort Madison closes the season with a Saturday home match against No. 11 (Class 3A) Newton.

"They're an athletic team," Kevin Wellman said. "So yes, it's a good dress rehearsal for what's coming up. They're putting up good numbers."

The Bloodhounds will have four days of practice, and Wellman said it's going to be a chance to prepare for not just Newton, but the postseason as well.

"We're going to work on the things we need to work on," he said. "We still have trouble connecting passes to the level we want to. We want to have more consistent possessions, we're going to work on two-touch passing, we're going to work on one-touch passing. It's just cleaning up some things we'll need."

Hounds No. 2 seed in 3A, Central Lee No. 4 at substate

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison's boys soccer team is the No. 2 seed in its substate bracket, as the Iowa High School Athletic Association released its postseason tournament information on Tuesday.

The 15th-ranked Bloodhounds (14-2), who clinched the Southeast Conference championship with Monday's 11-2 win over Mount Pleasant, will play host to No. 3 seed Burlington in a semifinal match on May 22.

No. 8 Iowa City Liberty is the top seeded team in the substate. Liberty will face the winner of the May 16 first-round match between 4 seed Clear Creek Amana and 5 seed Fairfield in a semifinal match on May 22.

The two semifinal winners will play on May 24 at a site to be determined.

Fort Madison and Burlington, which finished second in the Southeast Conference, split their two matches this season. The Bloodhounds won 1-0 on April 17 at Burlington, while the Grayhounds won 1-0 at Fort Madison on May 4.

Central Lee (5-7) is the No. 4 seed in Class 1A Substate 6. The Hawks will play host to Hillcrest Academy in a 7:30 p.m. first-round match on May 15. No. 3 seed Sigourney and No. 6 seed Centerville will play their first-round match at 5:30 p.m. on May 15 at Central Lee.

The Central Lee-Hillcrest Academy winner will play at top seed Pella Christian on May 22. The Sigourney-Centerville winner will play at No. 2 seed West Branch that night as well.

Semifinal winners will play in the substate final on May 24.

Central Lee lost 2-1 to Hillcrest Academy on April 18 in the teams' only match-up this season.

Girls pairings are expected Thursday from the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Association.

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From the Front

Clevinger earned IFCA's Distinguished Service medal in 2014

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was impressed with the expertise of an orthopedic surgeon who had to rebreak the arm. Then, his cousin, who was also in banking, changed course and became a doctor.

"Hmm," Phil thought. "If my cousin can do it, so can I." But he had to go back to college and pick up all the chemistry and physics he missed. While doing this he worked as a custodian in the delivery room of a hospital. Yep. (Grandpa Ulrie's grit.)

He applied to medical school and was

accepted by Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. While in med school, Phil lived in one of his Grandfather Ulrie's rental homes, Maple Hill (where I grew up also), and commuted to Des Moines. Once he completed his residency, his first practice was in his hometown of, you guessed it, Monroe. Remembering his high school football days, and the lack of medical care for injured players, Phil approached the high school football coach and asked if the

team could use a doctor on the sidelines. "Well, sure!"

From Monroe, Dr. Clevenger practiced in Des Moines for a while, and then went to a clinic in Newton, where he met his wife, Caren. She was a Psych, Trauma and Hospice Nurse before she left nursing to become a successful real estate person. Phil has four biological and two step children. Mia is an OBGYN doctor. Greg is an attorney. Drew is a high school football coach and history teacher at St. Ansgar in Northeast Iowa. Jason is in Finance and Banking in Des Moines. Cassie is

a Lead X-ray Technician for Iowa Clinics in West Des Moines. And Justin is an Energy and Sustainability Specialist for Casey's General Stores in Ankeny.

Drew, the high school football coach, needed a doctor on the sidelines. Father Phil stepped up to the gridiron. It was a long commute from Newton to St. Ansgar for Friday night lights, but Phil and his wife Caren loved watching Drew's team. In fact, Phil was there to watch the St. Ansgar Saints win the Class 1A State Football Championship in the UNI Dome in 2011. As a reward

for his medical service, Drew nominated his dad for the Iowa Football Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award, which Dr. Phil Clevenger received in 2014. His picture was taken with University of Iowa Football Coach, Kirk Ferentz, and son, Drew.

Had enough yet? Well, Dr. Phil Clevenger hasn't. He's the Medical Examiner for Jasper County, and has provided his medical skills to free clinics in Des Moines and Newton. He has also made three mission trips to El Salvador. On the first trip he went alone, even sleeping on the ground at times. On the second

trip he took his youngest son, Jason. And on the third trip, his wife Caren accompanied him. When they went into the field, armed policemen with semi-automatic rifles escorted them.

Retired now, Phil and Caren enjoy traveling. He has been to the Caribbean, Europe, Israel, China, New Zealand, Southern Africa, and South America. Phil has read the Bible from cover to cover, saying it's the best book he ever read. He still looks for, "Something to enjoy each day!!" It can be a nice meal, or a sunset, or his wife Caren, or any one of his 19 grandchildren.

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1:00pm-3:00pm

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Wednesday, May 17, 2023
10:00am-11:30am

West Point Public Library
Thursday, May 18, 2023
2:00pm-3:30pm

Lee County Health Department
Monday, May 22, 2023
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MAY 10, 2023 ♦ 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MONTROSE CITY HALL
AGENDA**

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**CALL TO ORDER.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

CONSENT AGENDA:
All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Council members vote on the motion.

1. Approve Agenda as written.
2. Approve April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve April 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented.
4. Approve Payment of Claims as presented.

PUBLIC FORUM:

This is a time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on this agenda. Please understand that the Council is not likely to take any action on your comments at this meeting due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but may do so at a future meetings. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Chief Shields submitted his police report, General Government & Enterprise, Culture & Recreation, Public Works, and Economic & Community Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Nuisance Abatement updates
 2. Discuss Riverview Park boat ramp fee.
 3. Consider and approve the World Insurance work comp and general liability Insurance Invoice for payment in the amount of \$27,366.00.
 4. Consider and possibly approve chickens at 511 Locust St.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Consider and possibly approve an indefinite moratorium for vacating streets.
 2. Consider and possibly approve vacating 11th

St. for Klumper and Trelstad interest in purchasing.

3. Consider and possibly approve increasing Deputy Clerk hours.

4. Motion to enter into Closed Session. ROLL CALL VOTE

5. Motion and vote to close Closed Session.

6. Consider and possibly approve waiving credit card payment fees.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
ADJOURNMENT:**

*Please note that this agenda may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting time as provided by Section 21,4(2). Code of Iowa.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeting Notice
City of Fort Madison
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COMMISSION Thursday
May 11, 2023 6:00pm
Council Chambers
City Hall
811 Avenue E,
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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2023 Meeting
3. Case #23-04: Request to rezone property at 2031 – 48th Street from R-1 Single-Family Dwelling District to I-2 General Industrial District.
4. Zoning Code Updates – Continued
- Review districts

researched by members since last month's meeting

- Discussion regarding extent of research required to complete zoning code updates
- Review Zoning Map
- Review/Explore Zoning District Uses
- Discuss District boundary changes, map modifications to better incorporate proper uses
- 5. Adjournment

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
West Burlington
Special City Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
April 19, 2023**

The West Burlington City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Melanie Young, and Therese Lees

MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALSO PRESENT:
Mayor Ron Teater, Police Chief Jesse Logan, City Clerk Kelly Fry, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
City Administrator Mandsager participated in the meeting electronically.

CLOSED SESSION
Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i), to evaluate the professional

competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Newberry, to go into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes:
Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Young, and Lees

Moved by Newberry, seconded by Johnson, to table the Closed Session discussion at 6:00 p.m. and reconvene following the regular city council meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes:
Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Young, and Lees

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Newberry, to go back into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i). Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes:

Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Young, and Lees

Consider potential action on a Resolution to hire a Police Officer

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve a Resolution hiring Chis Chiprez as a Police Officer with modifications to the Police Department Union Contract to allow Chiprez to start employment at 100% of the wage scale and 96 hours of vacation. These modifications were recommended based on Chiprez's experience working as a Certified Officer for the

past twenty years. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes:
Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Young, and Lees

ADJOURN
Moved by Young, seconded by Lees, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes:
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Ron Teater, Mayor
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Iowa News/From the Front

Fort Madison tourism group sets full week of activities

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billion across the Iowa economy. This direct visitor spending impact generated a total economic impact of \$9.4 billion in Iowa, sustained nearly 65,000 jobs and generated \$1.0 billion in state and local tax revenues in 2021.

In Lee County, the direct spending impact generated a total economic impact of \$71.43 million, 547 jobs and generated \$10.75 million in state and local tax revenues in 2021.

Fort Madison Mayor

Matt Mohrfeld has declared May 7-13, 2023 as Travel and Tourism Week in Fort Madison at last night's City Council Meeting. The Fort Madison Tourism Bureau will recognize travel's essential contributions by celebrating our community's uniqueness with daily highlights all next week.

Events scheduled for the week include:

- Monday: Fort Madison's History and Future "Moving Forward"

- Tuesday: Small Business Spotlight – Highlighting Fort Madison favorites that have been around for years

- Wednesday: Brews & Foods

- Thursday: Outdoor Exploration

- Friday: "Scoop The Loop" – A tour of the Lake Cooper Loop|

- Saturday: "A Toast To Tourism" with a Hospitality Happy Hour at the Hillside Inn sponsored by Connection Bank.

"Travel is at the heart of Fort Madison, powering a strong

economy, creating jobs, and strengthening our community's culture and identity. We are a very proud community and love to share it with visitors. This National Travel and Tourism Week, we are thrilled to celebrate all that travel does for our community now, and all that it will contribute in the future," Chi Eastin, the Fort Madison Tourism Director said.

Also, we encourage everyone to LIKE and FOLLOW the Visit Fort Madison Facebook page to learn about

upcoming community events, progress at our new marina, Amtrak train travel to/from Fort Madison, Lake Cooper Loop happenings and big local celebrations including the 75th Tri State Rodeo, 102nd Mexican Fiesta, 111th Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade at the CB&Q's 125th birthday."

"Tourism throughout Fort Madison and its surrounding communities has been rapidly growing over the past several years. Fort

Madison and Southeast Iowa is a unique tourist destination that builds upon its historical and geographical landscape. As a result of this, continued growth in tourism has become a driving force for small businesses and economic development throughout the area. Fort Madison is a vibrant community that is ever-growing, innovating, and creating new opportunities for its visitors." Stated Julie Hohl, Fort Madison Tourism Board Chair.

Burlington to light bridge

BURLINGTON – The Great River Bridge in Burlington, IA will be lit on Monday May 22, 2023. There will be a public celebration at the Port of Burlington starting at 7:30 PM. Musical entertainment will be provided by the SCC jazz band. A brief program will begin at 8 PM followed by the lighting. This family friendly event will be hosted by Downtown Partners, Inc. and Burlington city officials. Before the lighting, you can view the video created by SCC students at the Capital Performing Arts Center from 6:30-7:30. The video will play on a continuous loop to let people stop at their leisure to view the progression of the bridge lighting and the lighting of the steeples.

Great River Bridge Lighting was designed by Energyefficient Systems, Inc. and installed by Frank Millard Company both of Burlington, IA. This project has been done in cooperation with the City of Burlington. It features warm LED lighting to complement the steeple lighting and will save on energy costs in the future.

Burlington Lightscape Project is a committee of Downtown Partners, Inc. and a division of Greater Burlington Partnership. You can still contribute to the Community Foundation of Des Moines County to maintain the lighting of the bridge and the steeples. Your check to Burlington Lightscape Endowment Fund may qualify for a 25% Endow IA tax credit.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

GLORIA J. BEALL

Gloria Jean Beall, 81, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, May 7, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



She was born December 5, 1941 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Joseph and Gloria Leake Rorabaugh. Gloria graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1960 and later from the Burlington Beauty Academy.

On July 6, 1972 Gloria was united in marriage to Gary Lee Beall in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on August 2, 2013.

BEALL

Gloria had been employed by Harold's Hairstyling in Keokuk for fifteen years. She then worked as the church secretary at Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk for thirteen years, until her retirement in 2007.

Gloria was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

She enjoyed reading books, traveling and taking bus trips. She also enjoyed trying her luck at the casinos with her friends. Most of all, Gloria loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by two step-sons, Gary Beall (Jacquie) of Mt. Sterling, IA and Ray Beall of Jacksonville, FL, two step-daughters, Terri Visser (Dr. Randy) of Redmond, OR and Barbara Bryant (Ron) of Keokuk, ten grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and several cousins and special friends.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother in infancy.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Dave Barrett officiating. Burial will be in the Sandusky Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Thursday, from 10 to 11 a.m. with the family meeting with the family at that time.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk or to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Students get close look at local jobs

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see how people reacted to it," he said.

The power of the CAC is being able to pull together events like Tuesday's career exploration day on short notice and make them valuable to students in the area.

Fraise said the industries who help support the CAC can then access students who could be potential employees.

"One of our visions was around efficiencies of skill. All three school districts can come in and the industries don't have to set up and take down three different times," Fraise said.

Lee County EMS staff were showing students how to use auto defibrillators and other live-saving techniques. There were EMS and Sheriff vehicles in the Advantage center to showcase working conditions of the departments.

Siemens was also at the expo and had a hands-on experience. DuPont and JJ Nichting, Carl A. Nelson and many others were on hand talking with students.

Chad DeMoss of Huffman Welding was on hand representing Huffman Welding & Manufacturing. He said he's shown more than 1,000 students how to use simulators to experience what welding can be like as a career.

The Lincoln Electric simulators cost the center around \$70,000 each and simulate a 90-degree metal weld complete with goggles and software.

"Part of this whole thing is that joint-effort with the schools, and then the center got a grant to acquire these. I think they acquired them this school year. Huffman's asked me to get involved so I came down and learned how to use them. The kids really seem to like them," DeMoss said.

"I think there's a lot of kids here that have never been around welding. It's a great way for them to get introduced to it. Some of the kids don't want to stop. They really enjoy it.

"We want to get these kids more interested in trades, welding, machining, and those types of things."

Fraise said the simulators are a great way to get kids a first look at the welding trade. But he said it's also a great way to see other industries, as well.

"Siemens heard about events like this and they reached out to us to see if they could be a part of it," Fraise said.

"It's a great way for kids to experience a low impact way of learning."

Fraise said there were more than 20 industries on hand Tuesday for the whole day. Exhibitors were treated to a lunch before a second group of students came in for the expo.

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1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS - PENCIL, PEN & INK, CHARCOAL, CHALK PASTEL, OIL PASTEL, BRUSH MARKER, DIAMOND PAINTING, ACRYLIC PAINTING, WATERCOLOR PAINTING, SCRATCH ART, CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, MIXED MEDIA, BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY, COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY, COLORED PENCIL AND JUDGE'S CATEORGY - AS WELL AS THE TOP AWARD FOR OVERALL BEST OF SHOW

05/12/23

RECEPTION 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT 7:00 PM
@ FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY
AMAZING ARTWORK
CREATED BY OUR STUDENTS,
MUSIC AND SNACKS!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT FMHS ART
TEACHER DANA SMITH -
DANA.SMITH@FMCSD.ORG

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FORT MADISON MUSIC & FOOD FESTIVAL

featuring
LOCAL FOOD VENDORS
and the
FMHS JAZZ ENSEMBLES

benefiting the FMHS Band Program

**FREE
ADMISSION**



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MAY 19

5pm - 8pm

Friday, May 19, 2023

CENTRAL PARK

downtown Fort Madison



**FOOD TRUCKS
AND VENDORS
WANTED**

**SCAN QR CODE
OR SEND
EMAIL FOR
REGISTRATION
DETAILS**

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**SPECIAL GUESTS
THE
JOHN-PAUL
JONES GROUP**



DENMARK HERITAGE DAYS

DENMARK, IOWA



1972 Chevy
C 10 4X4



1928 Hart Par
Model H



1920 Alamo Blue Line
Type A 2 H.P.

JUNE 2, 3, 4, 2023

FRIDAY

Tractor/Gas Engine Registration 7 a.m.
Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

by Jefferson Connection

SATURDAY

Breakfast at Fire Station by Fire auxillary 7:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
Flag Raising by Boy Scouts 9 a.m.
Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.
Pedal Tractor Pulls 3 p.m.
Live Auction 4 p.m.
Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

by Jive Radio

SUNDAY

Breakfast at Church 7:30 a.m.
Church in the Park 10 a.m.
Ham Ball Dinner at Church 11 a.m.
Live Music in shelter house by
Brenden Tapp 11 a.m.
Cornhole Tournament by River City Baggers 11 a.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.

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Vendor Information
Call 319-470-0050
319-470-8670
Car Show
319-759-4331

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Book Sale
Horse Drawn Wagon
Rides
Flea Market

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TUNNEL TO TOWERS

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RUN & WALK



DONNELSON, IA



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TUESDAY,
JULY 4

RACE STARTS AT 7:30AM

DONNELSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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